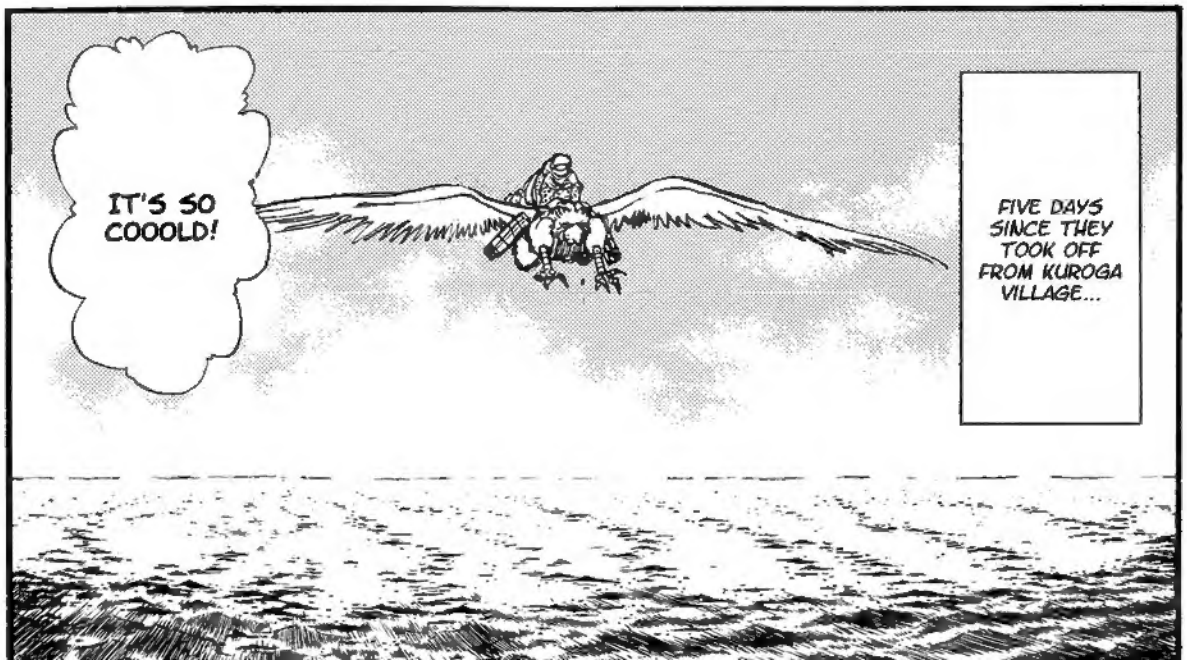
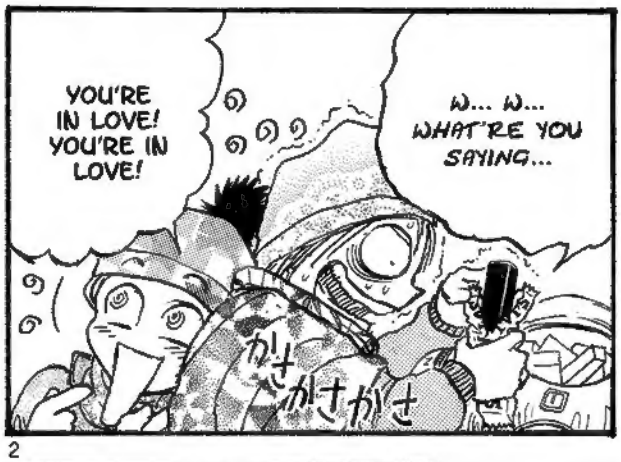
ACT 41 - TO THE DEVIL'S DEN



MY APOLOGIES. I'M EVEN TELLING IT TO FLY AS LOW AS POSSIBLE...
OH, SHUT IT! YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT SINCE WE GOT PAST MONGOLIA. GET OVER IT.
FLYING IN THE OPEN LIKE THIS IS REALLY COOOLD! AND MY BUTT HURTS TOO!

HIKEHKEHKEH

.....
YEAH! LIESE HAS IT ROUGH TOO!


YOU'RE IN LOVE! YOU'RE IN LOVE!
W... W... WHAT'RE YOU SAYING...
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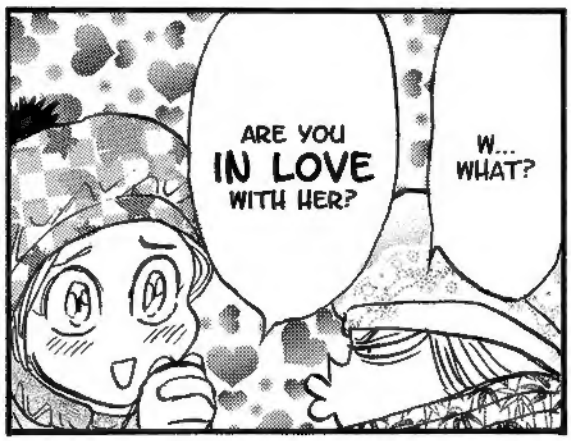
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH HER?
W... WHAT?

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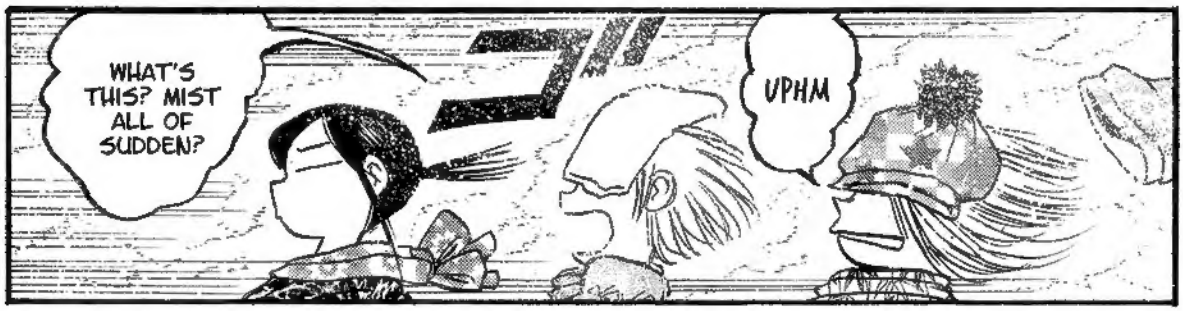
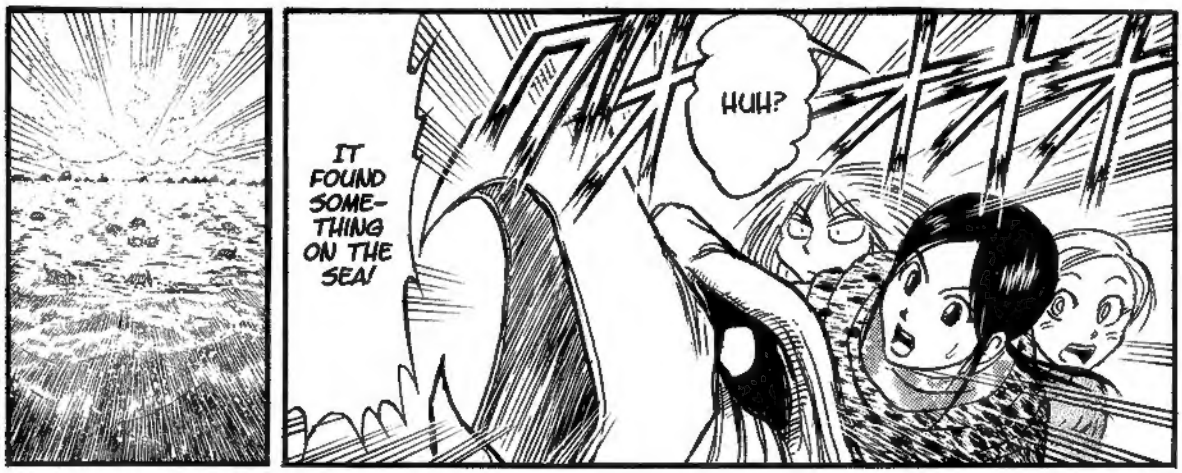
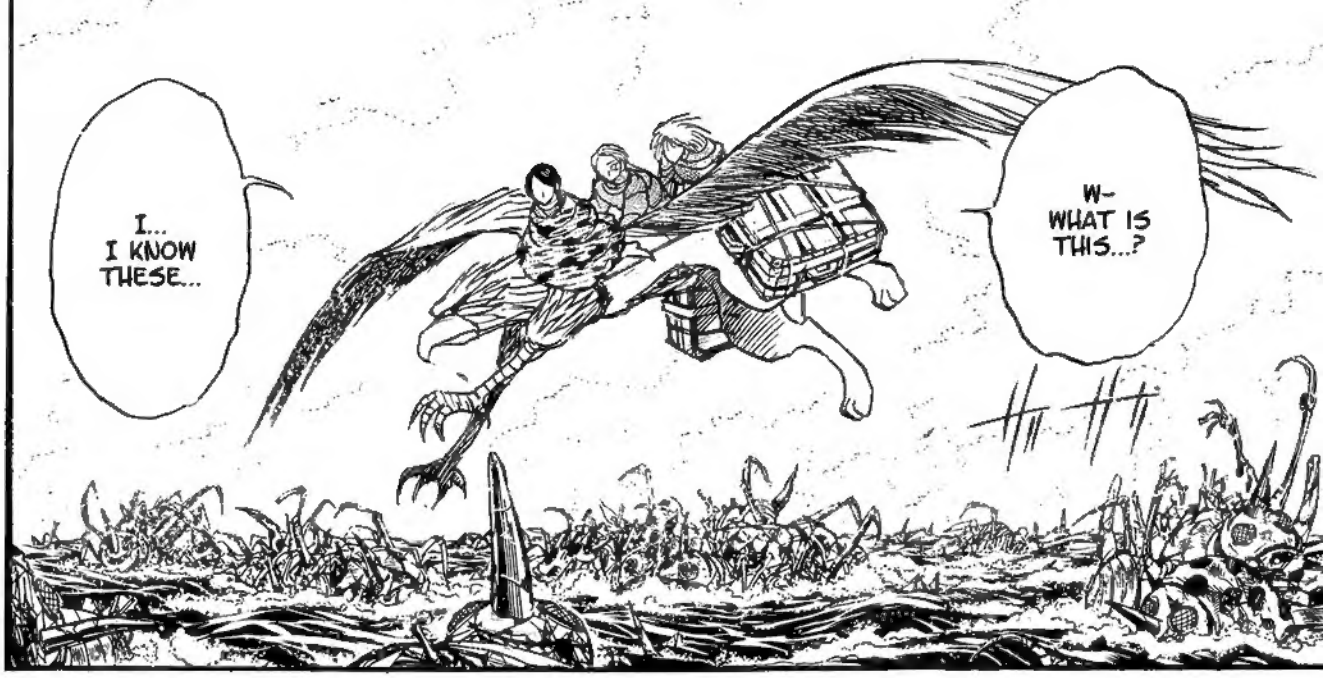
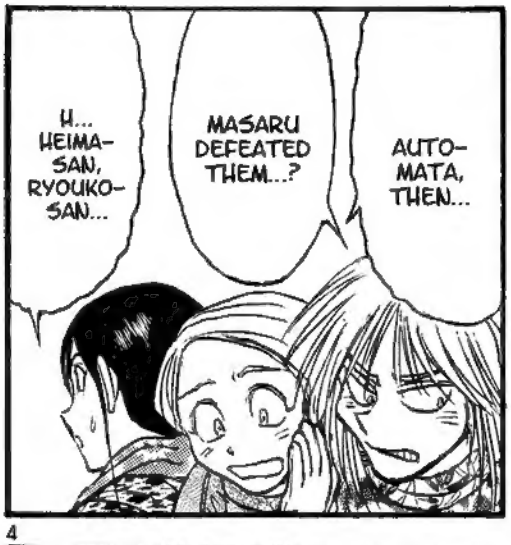
ERR... I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT PLEASE GET ALONG...
STOP IT, YOU BLOCK-HEAD!
SHADDUP, THAT'S NOT IT!

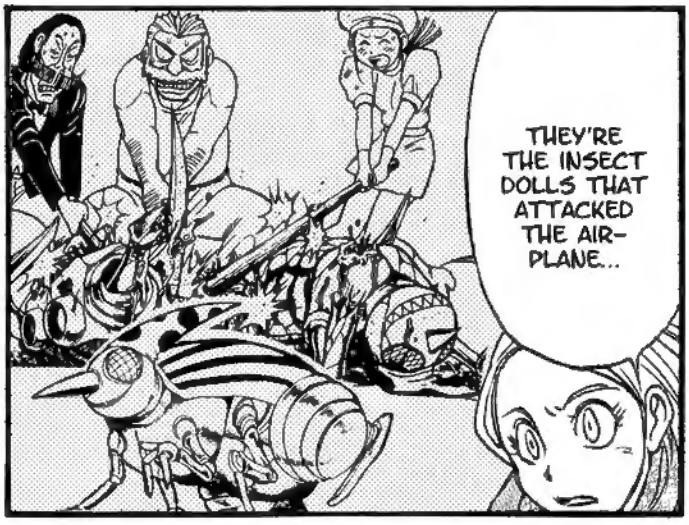
GRIFFON HERE SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE FACELESS IS HEADING...
YEAH... WE'RE ALREADY IN EUROPE.
MAYBE WE PASSED HIM BY?
BUT SERIOUSLY, HOW FAR DID MASARU CHASE FACELESS?

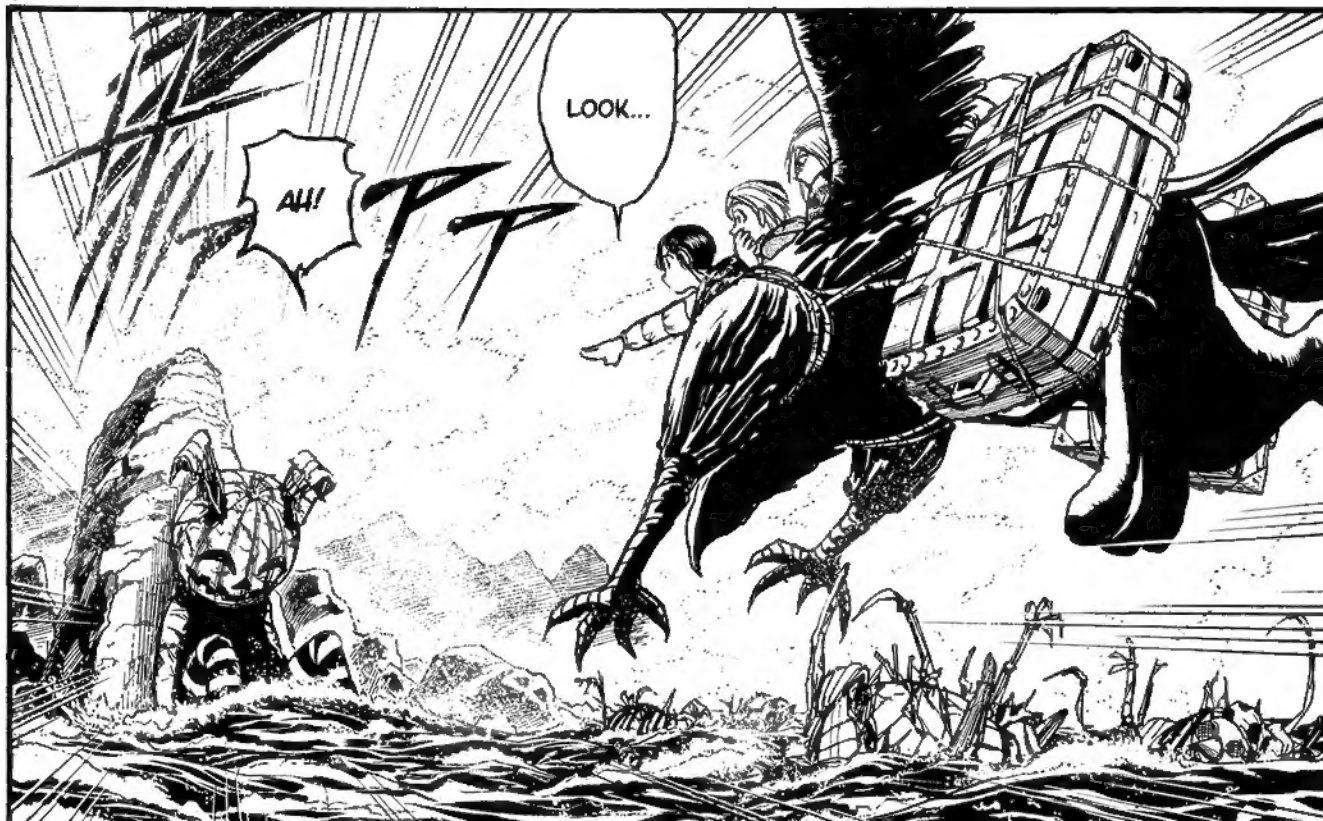

WHAT'S THIS? MIST ALL OF SUDDEN?
UPHM


IT FOUND SOME-THING ON THE SEA!
HUH?

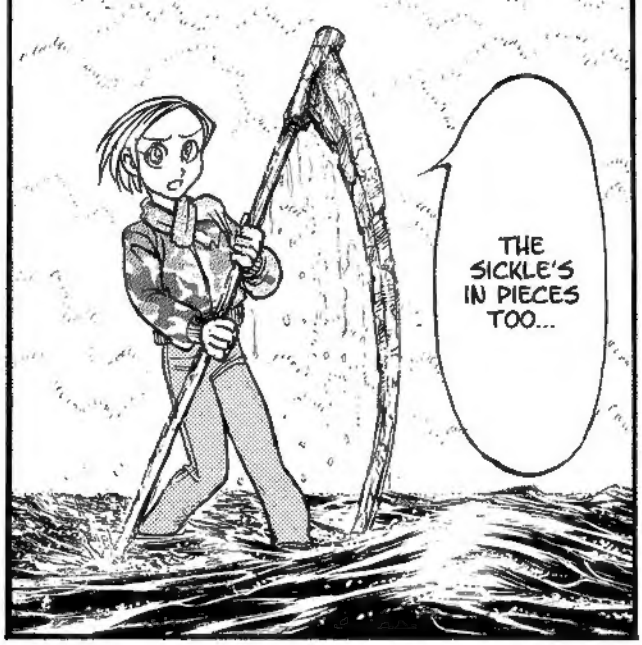

I... I KNOW THESE...
W- WHAT IS THIS...?

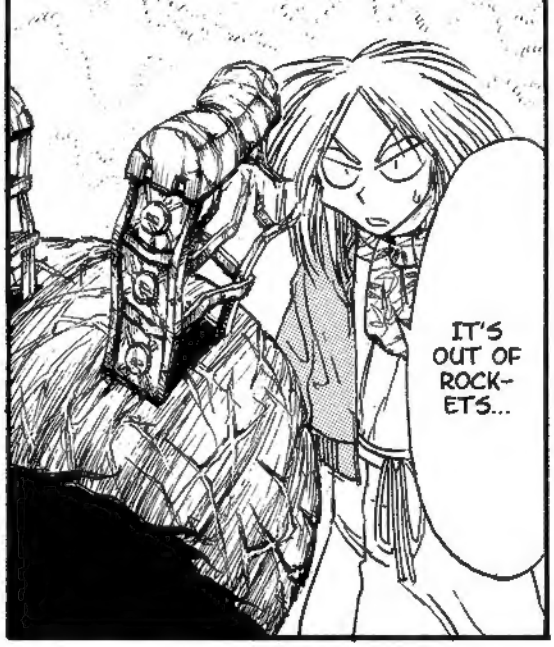

H... HEIMA-SAN, RYOUKO-SAN...
MASARU DEFEATED THEM...?
AUTO-MATA, THEN...

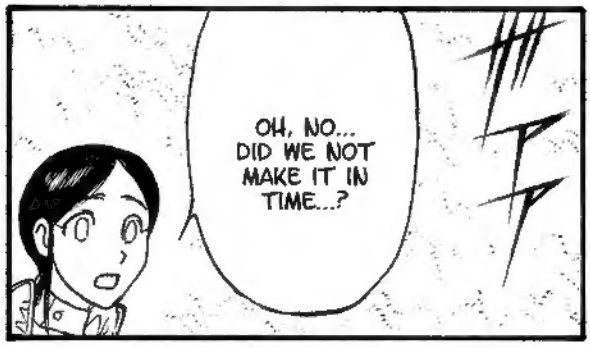

THEY'RE THE INSECT DOLLS THAT ATTACKED THE AIR-PLANE...


AH!
LOOK...

THIS IS MA-SARU-SAN'S... IT'S FULL OF SCRATCHES...
JACK O' LANTERN ...


THE SICKLE'S IN PIECES TOO...

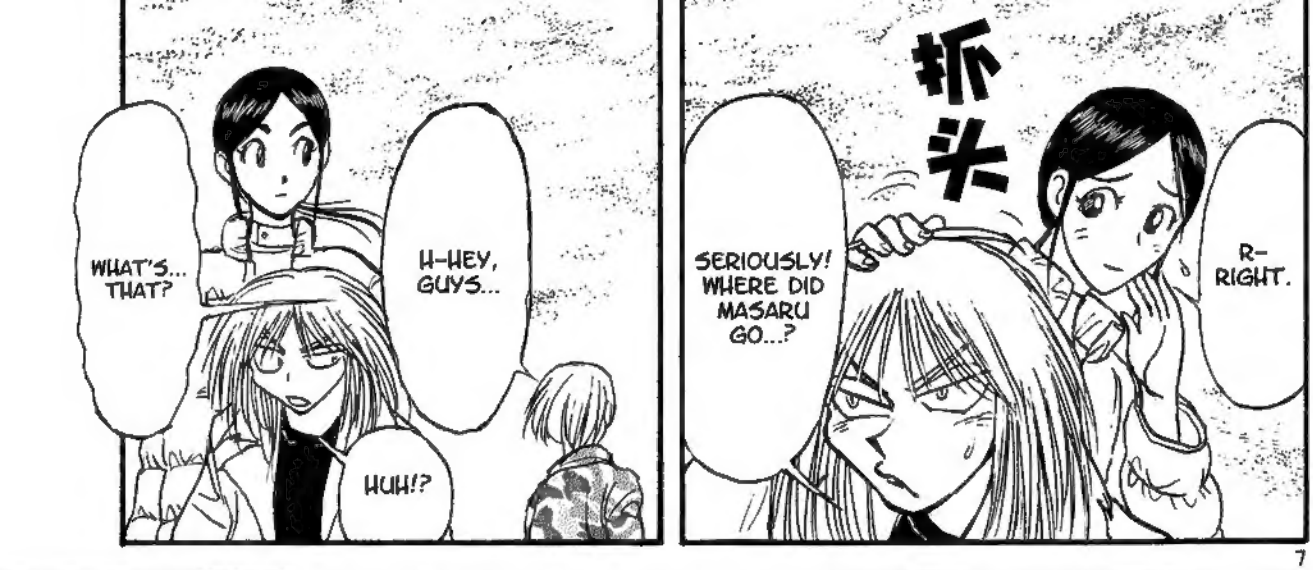

IT'S OUT OF ROCK-ETS...


OH, NO... DID WE NOT MAKE IT IN TIME...?

MASARU-SAN, MASARU-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU?

SINK
MASARU... SAN...

YEAH! BEING LUCKY IS THE ONLY THING THAT KID IS GOOD AT!
LIESE, DON'T BE SO WEAK!


WHAT'S... THAT?
H-HEY, GUYS...
HUH!?
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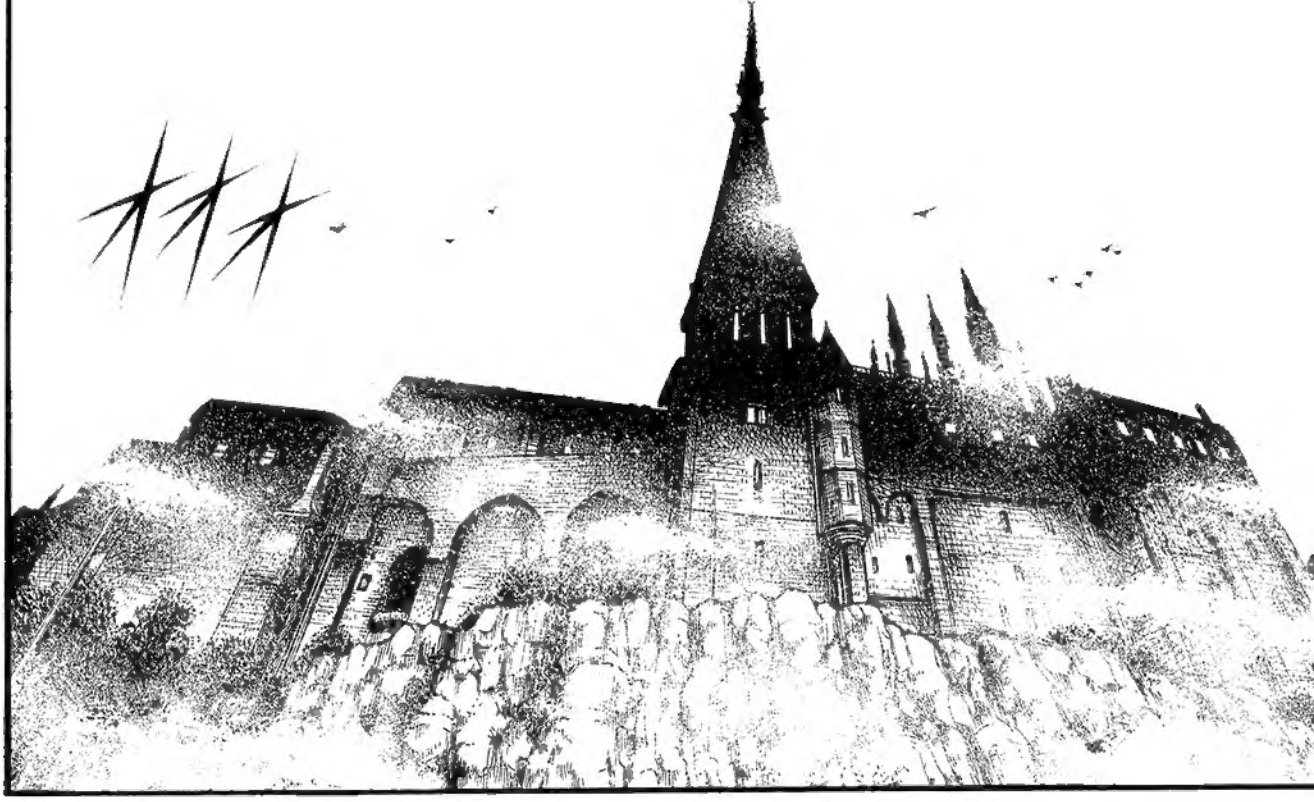
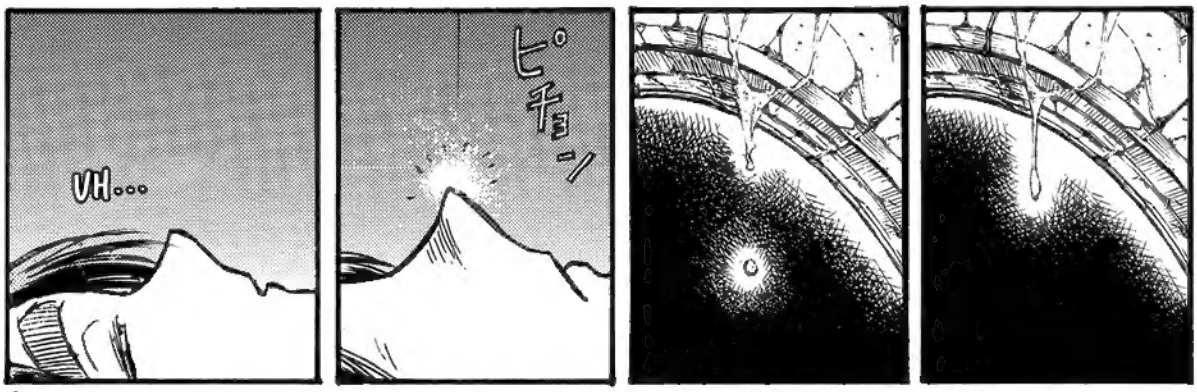
SERIOUSLY! WHERE DID MASARU GO...?
R-RIGHT.




UH...
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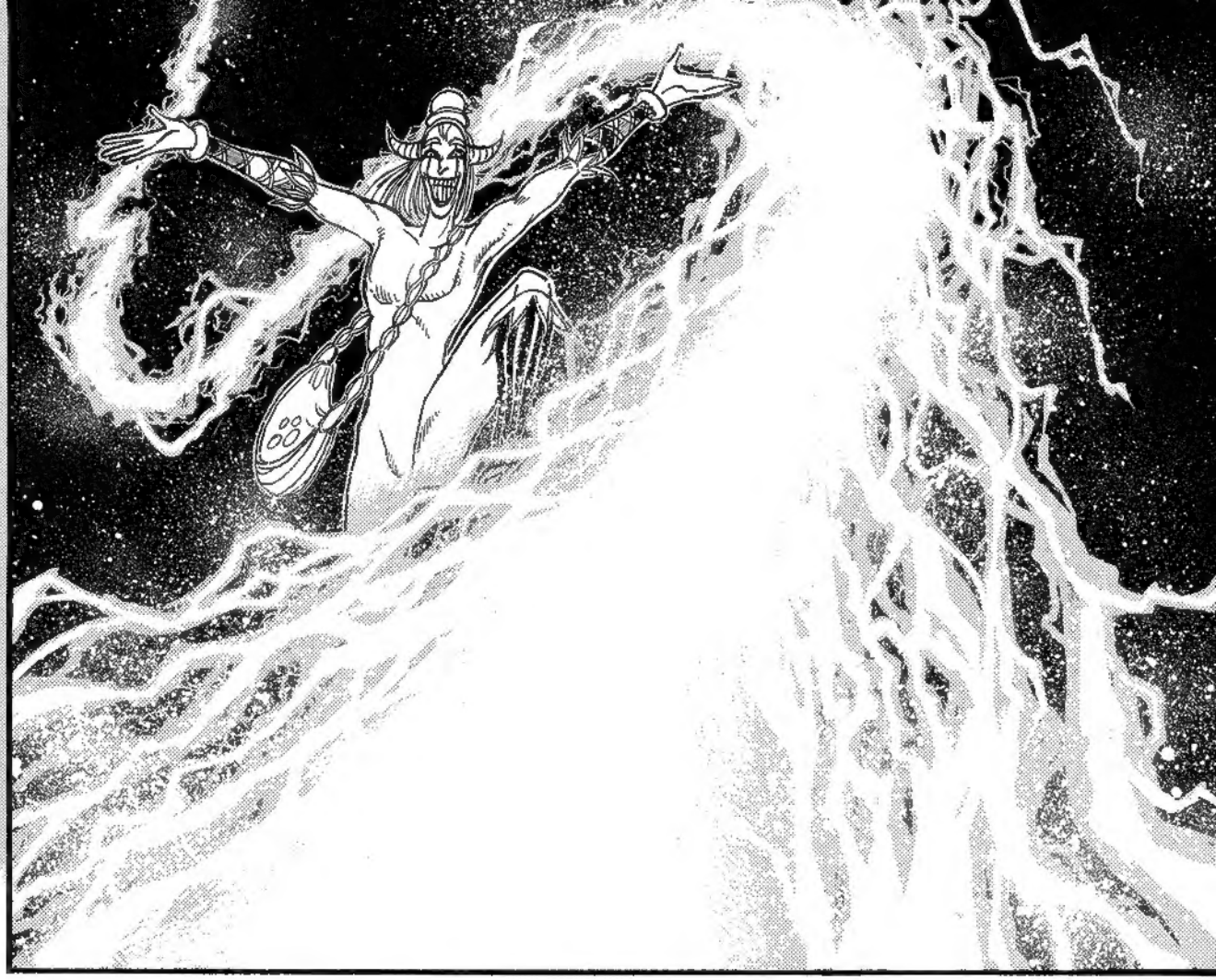
WHY AM I HERE...?
...WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?

I FOUGHT THE AUTOMATA FROM THE AIRSHIP WHERE SHIROGANE IS...
...AHH...



...WHICH MEANS... I'VE ARRIVED AT FACELESS' BASE.

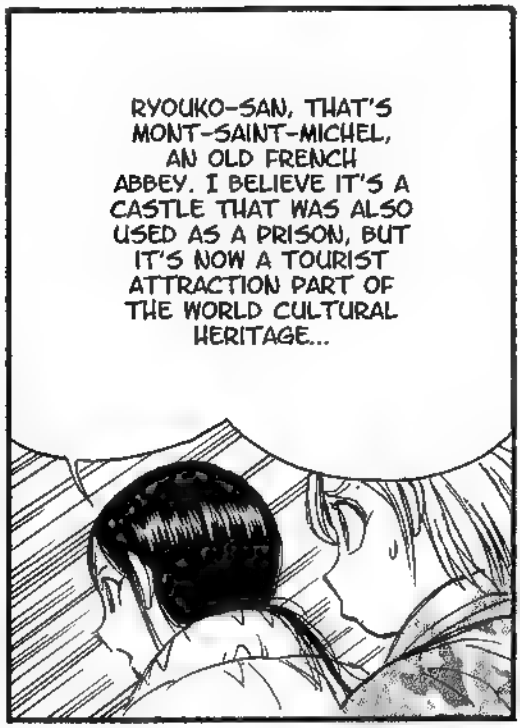
ALRIGHT, I'M IN GOOD CONDITION ...
THIS IS A STONE PRISON... I GUESS I'M NOT IN THE AIRSHIP, THEN.

...AS SOON AS I SAW HARLEQUIN, A FLASH OF LIGHTING HIT ME...
I HOPE GRIPPON-KUN IS SAFE...

GOOD.

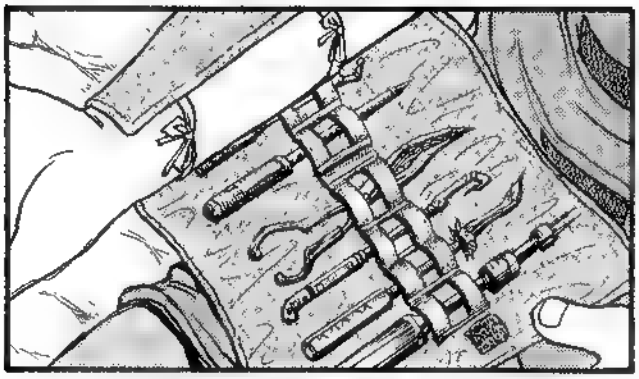
DO YOU PLAN TO GET IN THAT CREEPY DRACULA-STYLE CASTLE RIGHT AWAY?
W-WAIT...

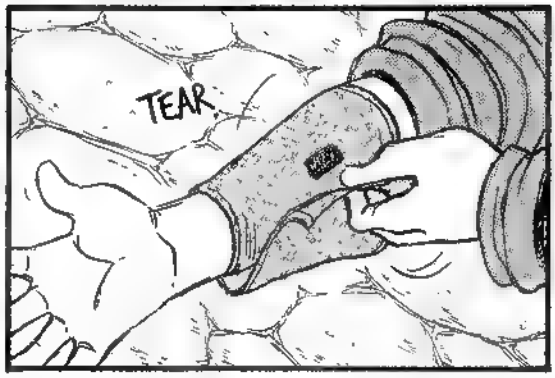
THERE'S NOTHING "ALRIGHT" ABOUT THAT! I'M TELLING YOU WE CAN'T GET IN WITHOUT BEING PREPARED...
NOW IT'S BEEN TAKEN OVER BY FACELESS AND MADE INTO HIS HEADQUARTERS. ALRIGHT!


RYOUKO-SAN, THAT'S MONT-SAINT-MICHEL, AN OLD FRENCH ABBEY. I BELIEVE IT'S A CASTLE THAT WAS ALSO USED AS A PRISON, BUT IT'S NOW A TOURIST ATTRACTION PART OF THE WORLD CULTURAL HERITAGE...

GRIFFON'S HEADING THERE! MASARU-SAN IS DEFINITELY INSIDE...!!

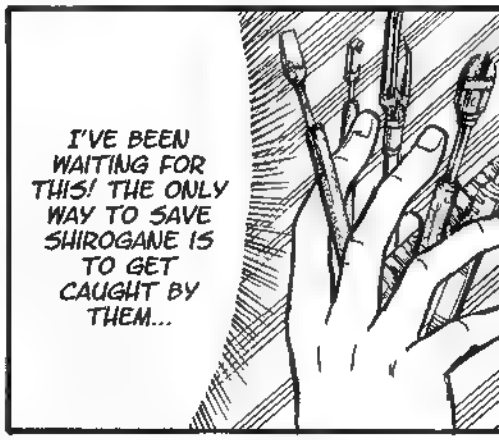
WAAAIT!
IT'S HOPELESS, THEY'RE BOTH TOTALLY FIRED UP...



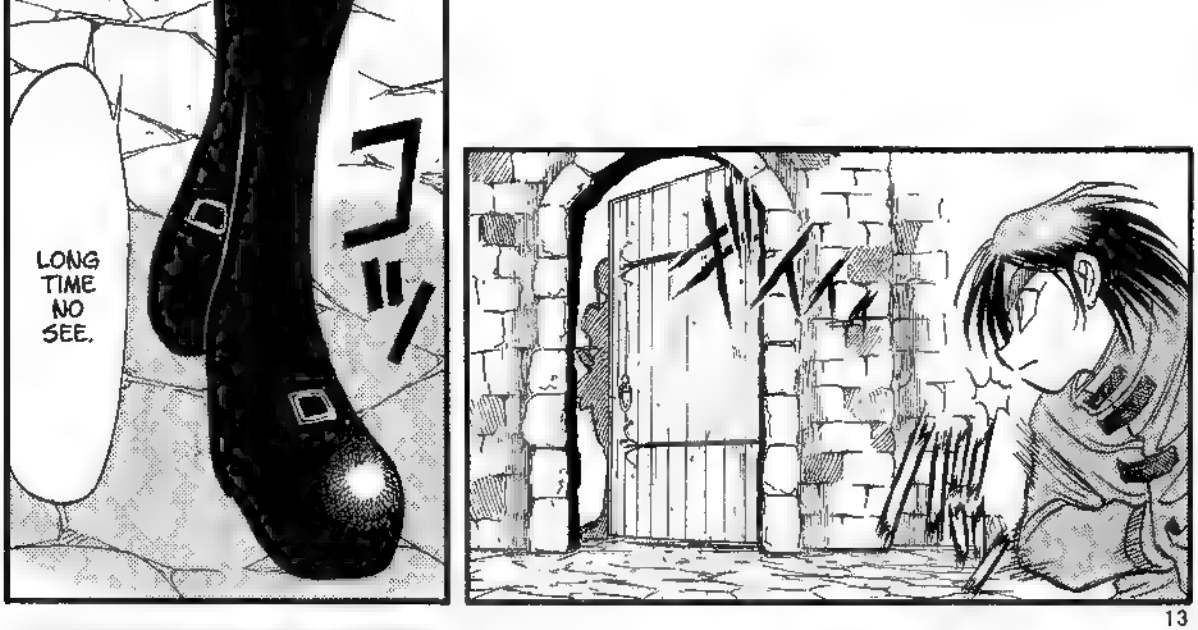

TEAR

RATTLE
RATTLE

NOT WITH FACE-LESS' DIS-MANTLE THAT I HAVE IN MY MEM-ORIES!!
THIS PRISON IS NOTHING FOR ME!


I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS! THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE SHIROGANE IS TO GET CAUGHT BY THEM...

FACELESS ALWAYS PLANNED TO CAPTURE ME FROM THE VERY BEGINNING...


LONG TIME NO SEE.

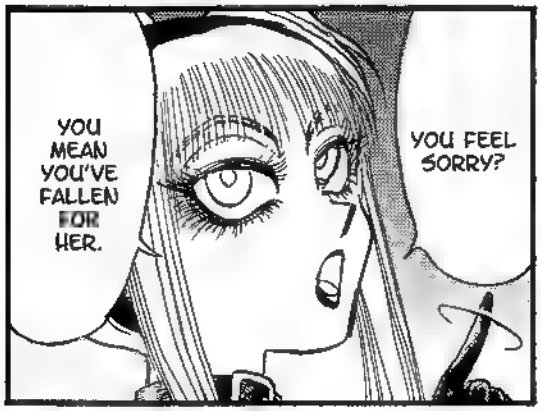
COLUMBINE ...

MASARU-CHAN, MEAL TIME~

ISN'T THIS GREAT, MASARU-CHAN? YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE PROTAGONIST OF MY FAVORITE HUMAN NOVEL.
Lalala
If it's for you, my love, I'll even let my body crumble into dust~

I'M NOT IN LOVE WITH SHIROGANE!!

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
OH MY, DIDN'T YOU COME ALL THIS WAY FOR THAT SHIROGANE WOMAN YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH?
TURN


YOU MEAN YOU'VE FALLEN FOR HER.
YOU FEEL SORRY?

IT'S JUST THAT... I... SHIROGANE HURT HERSELF WHILE PROTECTING ME... SO I FEEL SORRY FOR HER...
THEN, WHY?
GIGGLE GIGGLE

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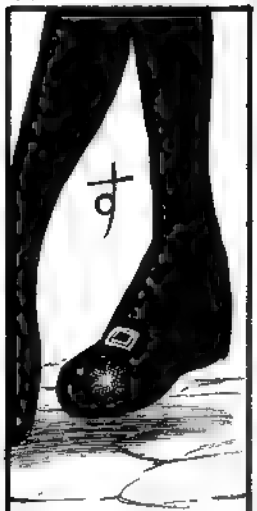
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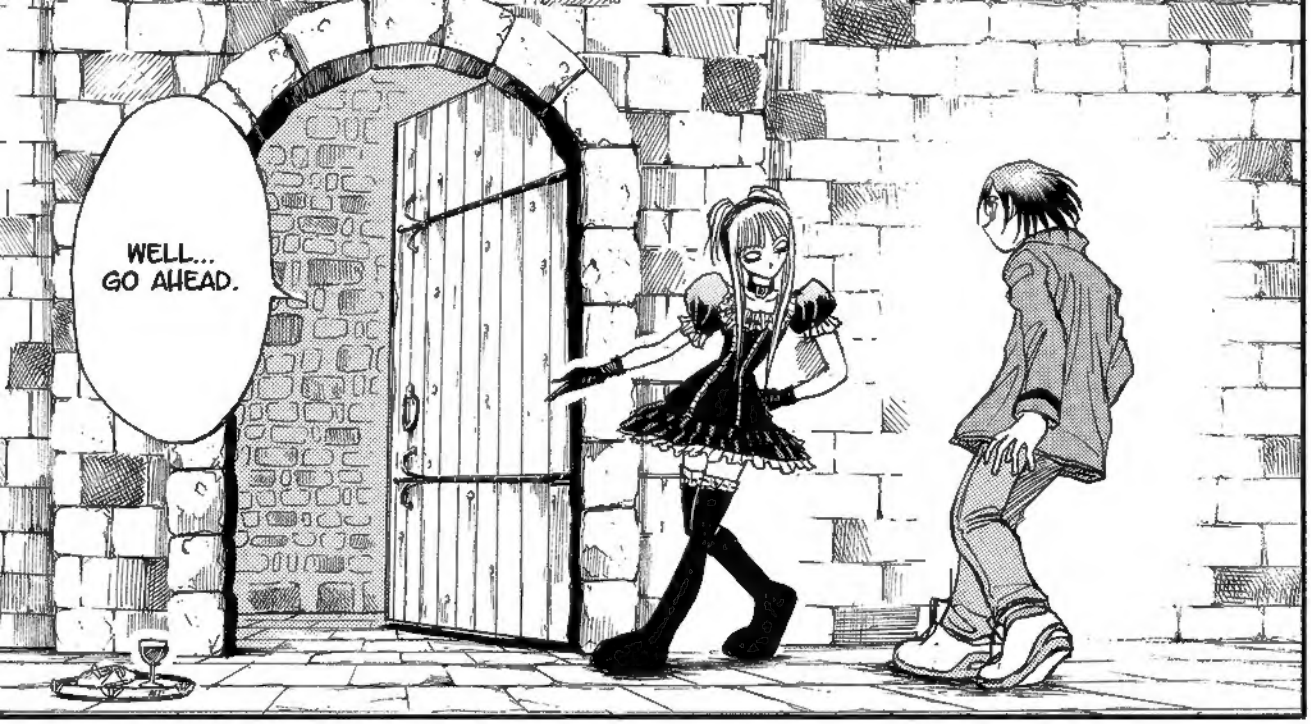
JUST YOU KNOW THAT I'LL DEFINETLY SAVE HER!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER!!

ISN'T THERE AN OLD JAPANESE SAYING FOR THAT?
YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH SHIROGANE. JUST ADMIT IT, MASARU-CHAN.


WELL... GO AHEAD.

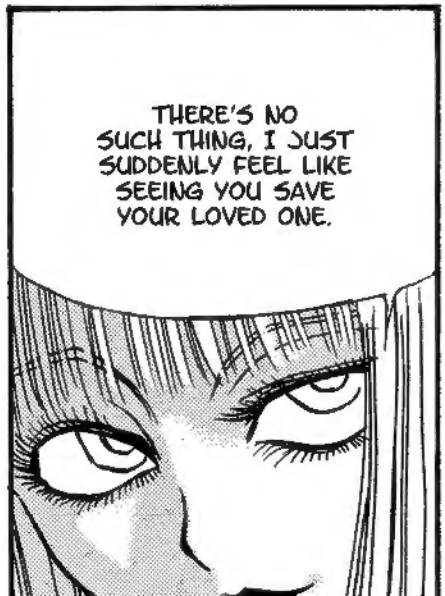
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

...I'LL GO!!

I'M JUST DOING THIS ON A WHIM.
IT'S FINE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

THAT MUST BE... SOME KIND OF TRAP...

THEN BE MY GUEST...


THERE'S NO SUCH THING, I JUST SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE SEEING YOU SAVE YOUR LOVED ONE.

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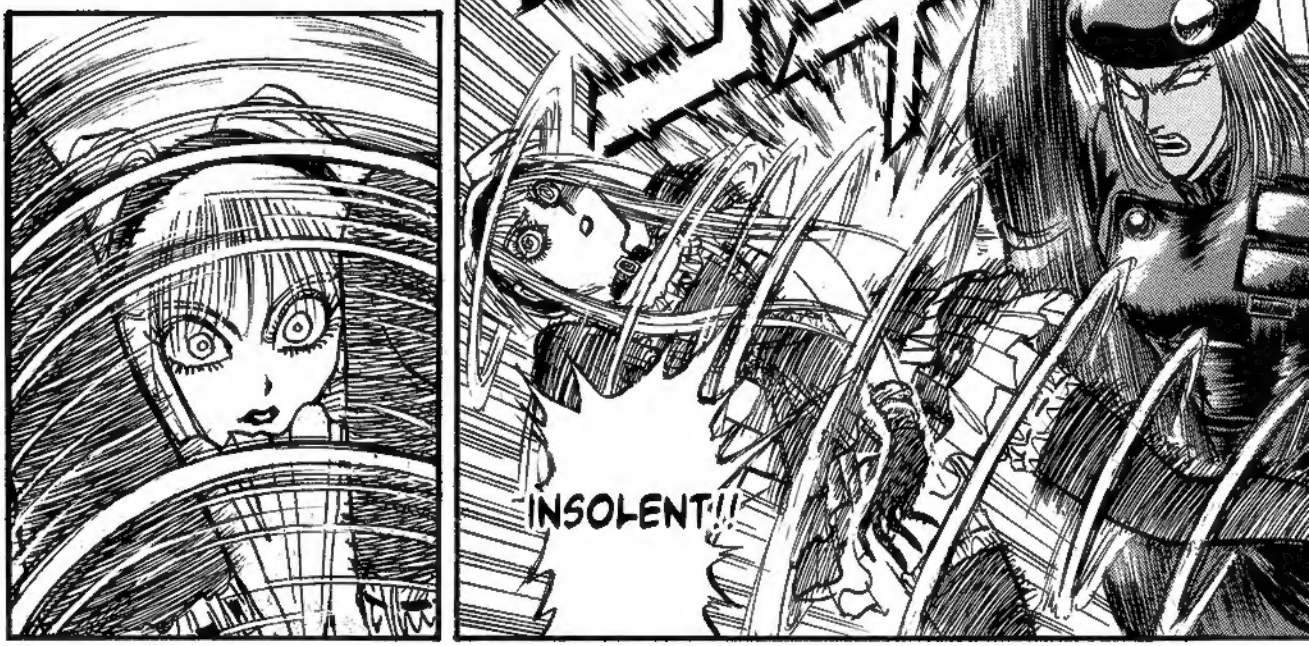
OUTRA-
GEOUS. I
CAME TO
CHECK THIS
TRASHY
DOLL AND
LOOK WHAT
I FIND.
!!
YOU!

MY NAME IS NAYA STEEL. I'M THE COMMANDER OF THE MECHANICAL HUMANS GUARDING MONT-SAINT-MICHEL.
SAIGA MASARU, YOU ARE TO BE TREATED AS MASTER FACELESS' IMPORTANT GUEST.
YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE DOLLS ONCE, BUT NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO LET THIS BOY ESCAPE...
COLUMBINE, YOUR DUTY IS TO TAKE CARE OF THIS BOY, MASTER FACELESS' NEXT BODY.
...WITHOUT EVEN CONSIDERING THAT MASTER FACELESS REMODELED AN OLD DOLL LIKE YOU?
...BUT YOU STILL DARED TO THINK YOU COULD ESCAPE?!
THE O ARE MUCH MORE EFFICIENT THAN AUTOMATA, AND YOU'RE IN OUR PARTITION OF MONT-SAINT-MICHEL...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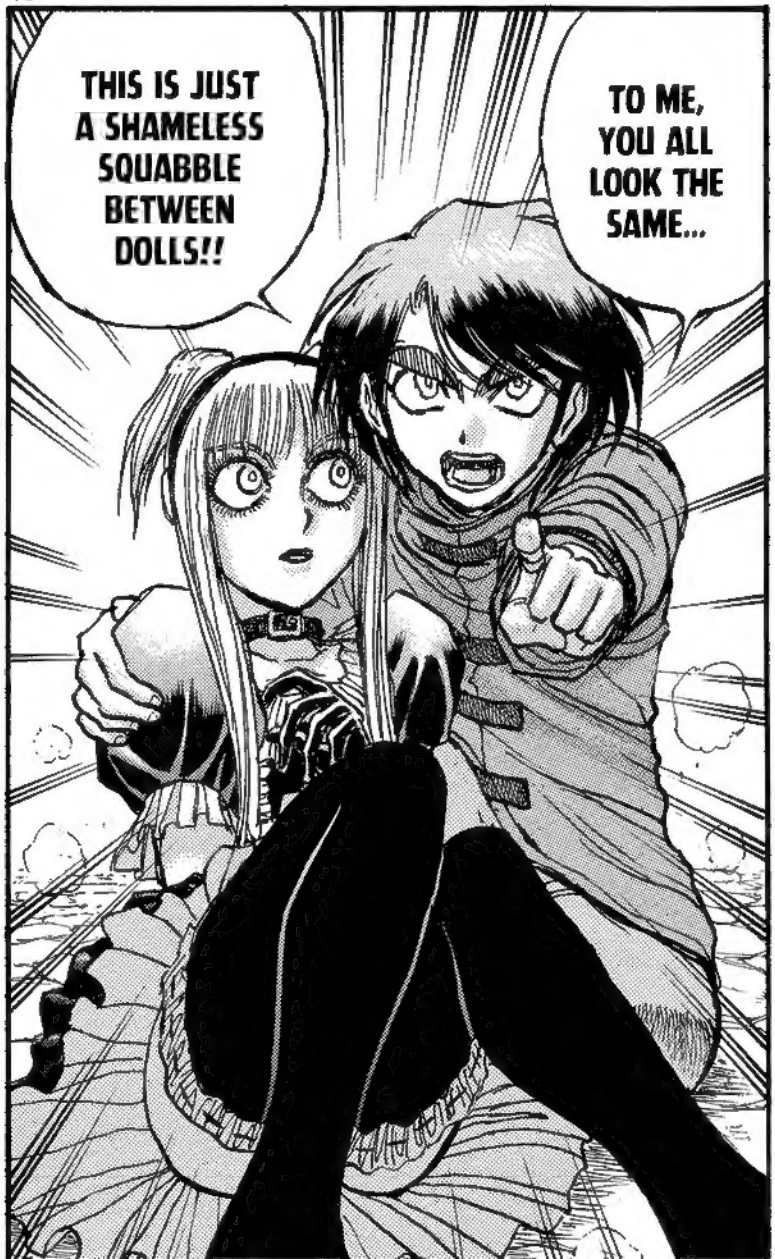
THIS IS JUST A SHAMELESS SQUABBLE BETWEEN DOLLS!!
TO ME, YOU ALL LOOK THE SAME...

STOP IT, NAYA.